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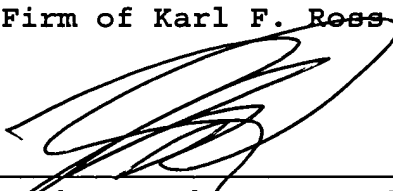
This is in response to the open office action of 16 July 2003.

There is enclosed a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the term of any patent to issue herein beyond the term of U.S. Patent 6,277,947. Both that patent and the present application are assigned jointly to Zimmer Aktiengesellschaft and Shell Oil Company.

A request for recordal of the terminal disclaimer is enclosed.

Since the only rejection is a double patenting rejection of the obviousness type which is removed by the filing of a terminal disclaimer, the present terminal disclaimer removes the rejection and this case can be passed to issue.

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